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August 2, 2019

**BY ECF**

The Honorable Kenneth M. Karas  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, NY 10601

**Re: *United States v. Nicholas Tartaglione*, S4 16 Cr. 832 (KMK)**

Dear Judge Karas:

The Government respectfully submits this letter to request that the Court maintain under seal Exhibits A, C, and D to defendant Nicholas Tartaglione's motion to suppress certain cell site evidence. The exhibits were publicly filed earlier today by the defendant as Docket Numbers 138-1, 138-3, and 138-4. On January 12, 2017, Your Honor issued a protective order agreed to by the parties (the "Protective Order"), which provided, among other things, that discovery material marked "sensitive" that was "pertinent to any motion before the Court should initially be filed under seal, absent consent of the Government or Order of the Court." (Dkt. No. 12, ¶ 9). Exhibits A, C, and D were marked sensitive under the Protective Order because, among other things, they (i) disclose statements of potential witnesses, including family members and close friends of the victims, which could lead to the identification of witnesses, (ii) include phone numbers for people other than the defendant, and (iii) identify uncharged targets of the investigation. Therefore, pursuant to the Protective Order, Exhibits A, C, and D should not have been filed publicly in connection with the defendant's motion.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Although Exhibit B is marked "sensitive" pursuant to the Protective Order, the Government agrees that Exhibit B can be filed publicly at this time.

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Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests that Exhibits A, C, and D be maintained under seal. The Government will coordinate with defense counsel to determine whether there are portions of these documents that may be publicly filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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